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116TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 4200

[Report No. 116-277]

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## IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JULY 2, 2020

Mr. PORTMAN (for himself and Ms. HASSAN) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs

OCTOBER 1, 2020

Reported by Mr. JOHNSON, with an amendment

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# A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 This Act may be cited as the “Information Tech-  
3 nology Modernization Centers of Excellence Program  
4 Act”.

5 **SEC. 2. GSA MODERNIZATION CENTERS OF EXCELLENCE  
6 PROGRAM.**

7 (a) **DEFINITIONS.**—In this section:

8       (1) **CLOUD COMPUTING.**—The term “cloud  
9 computing” has the meaning given the term in sec-  
10 tion 1076 of the National Defense Authorization Act  
11 for Fiscal Year 2018 (40 U.S.C. 11301 note).

12       (2) **EXECUTIVE AGENCY.**—The term “executive  
13 agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive  
14 agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States  
15 Code.

16       (3) **PROGRAM.**—The term “Program” means  
17 the Information Technology Modernization Centers  
18 of Excellence Program established under subsection  
19 (b).

20       (b) **ESTABLISHMENT.**—The Administrator of General  
21 Services shall establish a program to be known as the In-  
22 formation Technology Modernization Centers of Excel-  
23 lence Program to facilitate the adoption of modern tech-  
24 nology by executive agencies.

25       (c) **RESPONSIBILITIES.**—The Program shall have the  
26 following responsibilities:

1                   (1) To modernize information technology used  
2 by an executive agency and how a customer interacts  
3 with an executive agency.

4                   (2) To improve cooperation between commercial  
5 and executive agency information technology sectors.

6                   (3) To the extent practicable, encourage the  
7 adoption of commercial items in accordance with  
8 section 3307 of title 41, United States Code.

9                   (4) On a reimbursable basis, assist executive  
10 agencies with planning and adoption of technology in  
11 focus areas designated by the Administrator, which  
12 may include the following:

13                   (A) A commercial cloud computing system  
14 that includes—

15                   (i) end-to-end migration planning and  
16 an assessment of progress towards mod-  
17 ernization; and

18                   (ii) a security and governance frame-  
19 work based on industry and government  
20 best practices.

21                   (B) Tools to help an individual receive sup-  
22 port from and communicate with an executive  
23 agency.

24                   (C) Contact centers and other related cus-  
25 tomer supports.

1                             (D) Efficient use of data management,  
2 analysis, and reporting.

3                             (E) The optimization of infrastructure, in-  
4 cluding for data centers, and the reduction of  
5 operating costs.

6                             (F) Artificial intelligence.

7                             (5) To share best practices and expertise with  
8 executive agencies.

9                             (6) Other responsibilities the Administrator  
10 may identify.

11                             (d) PROGRAM REPORTING.—For each reimbursable  
12 agreement entered into in accordance with subsection  
13 (e)(4), the Administrator shall make the following infor-  
14 mation available on a public website within 30 days of the  
15 signing of the agreement and updated upon completion:

16                             (1) A description of such reimbursable agree-  
17 ment or statement of work, and associated project  
18 schedules and deliverables.

19                             (2) The total amount of the reimbursable agree-  
20 ment.

21                             (3) The actual or anticipated costs of any prod-  
22 uct or service associated with a deliverable under the  
23 agreement.

24                             (4) Any additional information the Adminis-  
25 trator determines necessary.

1       (e) SUNSET.—This Act shall be repealed on the date  
2 that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       *This Act may be cited as the “Information Technology  
5 Modernization Centers of Excellence Program Act”.*

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12 Fiscal Year 2018 (40 U.S.C. 11301 note).*

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14 agency” has the meaning given the term “Executive  
15 agency” in section 105 of title 5, United States Code.*

16              (3) PROGRAM.—*The term “Program” means the  
17 Information Technology Modernization Centers of Ex-  
18 cellence Program established under subsection (b).*

19       (b) ESTABLISHMENT.—*The Administrator of General  
20 Services shall establish a program to be known as the Infor-  
21 mation Technology Modernization Centers of Excellence  
22 Program to facilitate the adoption of modern technology by  
23 executive agencies on a reimbursable basis.*

24       (c) RESPONSIBILITIES.—*The Program shall have the  
25 following responsibilities:*

1                   (1) To encourage the modernization of information  
2                   technology used by an executive agency and how  
3                   a customer interacts with an executive agency.

4                   (2) To improve cooperation between commercial  
5                   and executive agency information technology sectors.

6                   (3) To the extent practicable, encourage the  
7                   adoption of commercial items in accordance with sec-  
8                   tion 3307 of title 41, United States Code.

9                   (4) Upon request by the executive agency, to as-  
10                  sist executive agencies with planning and adoption of  
11                  technology in focus areas designated by the Adminis-  
12                  trator, which may include the following:

13                  (A) A commercial cloud computing system  
14                  that includes—

15                  (i) end-to-end migration planning and  
16                  an assessment of progress towards mod-  
17                  ernization; and

18                  (ii) a cybersecurity and governance  
19                  framework that promotes industry and gov-  
20                  ernment risk management best practice ap-  
21                  proaches, prioritizing efforts based on risk,  
22                  impact, and consequences.

23                  (B) Tools to help an individual receive sup-  
24                  port from and communicate with an executive  
25                  agency.

1                   (C) *Contact centers and other related cus-*  
2                   *tomer supports.*

3                   (D) *Efficient use of data management,*  
4                   *analysis, and reporting.*

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10                  *ecutive agencies.*

11                  (6) *Other responsibilities the Administrator may*  
12                  *identify.*

13                  (d) *COORDINATION.—The Administrator shall coordi-*  
14                  *nate with the Secretary of Homeland Security in estab-*  
15                  *lishing the Program to ensure that the technology, tools, and*  
16                  *frameworks facilitated for executive agencies by the Pro-*  
17                  *gram provide sufficient cybersecurity and maintain the in-*  
18                  *tegrity, confidentiality, and availability of Federal infor-*  
19                  *mation.*

20                  (e) *PROGRAM REPORTING.—Not later than 1 year*  
21                  *after the date of enactment of this Act, and every year there-*  
22                  *after, the Administrator shall submit to the Committee on*  
23                  *Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate*  
24                  *and the Committee on Oversight and Reform of the House*

1   of Representatives a report on the Program, which shall in-  
2   clude the following:

3                 (1) A description of the reimbursable agreements,  
4                 statements of work, and associated project schedules  
5                 and deliverables for the Program.

6                 (2) Details on the total amount of the reimburs-  
7                 able agreements.

8                 (3) Any additional information the Adminis-  
9                 trator determines necessary.

10                 (f) SUNSET.—This Act shall cease to have effect on the  
11                 date that is 7 years after the date of enactment of this Act.

12                 (g) RULE OF CONSTRUCTION.—Nothing in this Act  
13                 shall be construed to impair or otherwise affect the author-  
14                 ity delegated by law to an executive agency or the head of  
15                 an executive agency.



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